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Amdt. dated February 8, 2005  
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Docket No. K-0544

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-4 and 6-19 are currently pending in this application. By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Office to incorporate the limitations of claim 5 and thereby be in condition for allowance. Claim 16 has been amended as suggested by the Office to correct certain informalities and to incorporate similar limitations to claim 1 and thereby also be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by any of these amendments.

### **II. Office Action**

Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that original claims 10-5 were allowable and claims 5-9 were allowable if re-written in independent form. Applicants have, by the above amendments, so re-written claim 5 as an allowable independent base claim, from which allowable claims 6-9 depend directly or indirectly.

With respect to the outstanding rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Lai or Jennings, Applicants submit that such rejections have clearly been rendered moot by the above amendment to claim 1. Withdrawal thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

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With respect to the outstanding rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Lai or Jennings, Applicants submit that such rejection has also clearly been rendered moot by the above amendment to claim 16. Withdrawal thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

With respect to the outstanding rejections of claims 3-4 and 17-19, Applicants submit that such rejections have been rendered moot by the above amendments to claims 1 and 16. Withdrawal thereof is therefore respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Donald R. McPhail, at the telephone number listed below. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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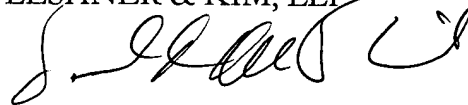
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concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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